

Serial No.: 09/329,002  
Docket No.: ECC-5062CIP2  
Amendment After FINAL dated July 2, 2004  
Responsive to Office Action of February 13, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to the present Office Action, claims 1-37, 60-80, and 86-87 were pending (though claims 12-16, 19, 25 and 71-74 were previously withdrawn subject to allowance of the generic claims). Claims 61 and 86-87 are canceled herein, and therefore claims 1-37, 60, and 62-80  
5 remain pending.

NOTE: This amendment is the second amendment after final, and follows an Advisory Action dated June 2, 2004. The Advisory Action did not enter the first amendment after final, and the present amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Since the first amendment after final was filed on April 12, 2004,  
10 within 2 months of the date of final rejection (2/13/04), Applicants believe that the date for response is reset to June 2, 2004, the date of the Advisory Action.

Therefore, a one-month extension of time is believed to be required, and the Examiner is authorized to charge said extension to Deposit Account No. 501225 (ECC-5062CIP2). However, if any further extension(s) is required, the Examiner is authorized to  
15 charge it to the same deposit account.

Applicants acknowledge the removal of the section 112 rejections of Claims 30-37. These claims were allowable in the previous Office Action pending resolution of the 112 problems. Currently, the Examiner requires that claim 30 should include what element the junction housing is softer than. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 30 as above and  
20 believe it is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 76 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, claim 76 includes an antecedent problem. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 76 to properly depend from claim 75.

Various claims stand rejected in view of the prior art. However, other claims are deemed  
25 allowable, and thus the allowable dependent claims have been combined into their respective parent claims as detailed in the next section.

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### Amended Claims

Claims 4-11, 17-18, 20, 22-24, 30-37, 61, 63-70, 75, 77-78, and 80 are deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants note that the list of allowable claims printed on page 4 of the Office Action does not agree with the list on the "Office Action Summary" sheet. Given that the "objected to" claim list on the "Office Action Summary" sheet matches up with the "withdrawn" and "rejected" lists, Applicants presume it to be controlling. The list on page 4 must have been a typographical error.

The claims have been amended to include only allowable combinations, and only independent claims 1, 30 and 60, as follows:

New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
1.	1.+4.	22.	22.	60.	60.+61
2.	2.	23.	23.	62.	62.
3.	3.	24.	24.	63.	63.
4.	4.*	25.	25.	64.	64.
5.	5.	21.	21.	65.	65.
6.	6.	22.	22.	66.	66.
7.	7.	23.	23.	67.	67.
8.	8.	24.	24.	68.	68.
9.	9.	25.	25.	69.	69.
10.	10.	26.	26.	70.	70.
11.	11.	27.	27.	71.	71.
12.	12.	28.	28.	72.	72.
13.	13.	29.	29.	73.	73.
14.	14.	30.	30.*	74.	74.
15.	15.	31.	31.	75.	75.

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16.	16.	32.	32.	76.	76.
17.	17.	33.	33.	77.	77.
18.	18.	34.	34.	78.	78.
19.	19.	35.	35.	79.	79.
20.	20.	36.	36.	80.	80.
21.	21.	37.	37.		

Claims 12-16, 19, 25 and 71-74 that were previously withdrawn should be reinstated as depending from generic base claims.

In accordance with the foregoing remarks and amendments, claims 1-37, 60, and 62-80 are believed to be in condition for allowance. If there is any further hindrance to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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